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1. The following observations were made in the Wittenberg military post and at Wittenberg airfield between 8 September and 5 October 1954:

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8 to 21 September. The Brueckenkopf Kaserne was occupied by air force soldiers and the unit in the installation still furnished the guards for the railroad station and the patrols for the town. Six to 8 courier aircraft were counted on the field near the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. Almost every day, groups of 25 to 30 air force officers and administrative officers used the express train which left Halle at 0923. Some of the officers returned on the same day and most of them returned on the next day.

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22 September to 5 October. No changes were observed in the occupation of the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. The airfield was occupied by 5 or 6 courier aircraft which only conducted individual flights. After nightfall, searchlights were in operation while air activity was performed.

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2. On 4 and 5 October, occupation strength of the Brueckenkopf Kaserne was apparently reduced to about 200 men. The motor vehicles previously seen in the barracks yard were removed. No vehicular traffic was observed. Only 3 x 37-mm AA guns were identified in the AA gun emplacement along the Elbe River. The possibilities of observation were limited. Training with guns was observed.

Comment. It is believed that Wittenberg military post is still occupied by the headquarters of the Southern Ftr Corps of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. The reduced occupation strength of the Brueckenkopf Kaserne is probably connected with the fall maneuvers as was the case during the fall of 1953.

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The officers who were observed leaving by rail almost every day are believed to be couriers or officers of the outlying posts of the corps.

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